BERLIN, Conn. – This afternoon **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** visited AMCO Precision Tool in Berlin to meet with Company President and Vice President **Aldo and Rich Zovich**

to listen to their concerns as a small manufacturers, as well as discuss how the Connecticut Manufacturing Job Match Initiative may be able to help.

Opened in 1966, AMCO Precision Tool specializes in the manufacturing of precision aerospace and commercial parts. They are currently interested in hiring and expanding their existing facilities, but are searching for candidates who possess the certifications and training that fit their needs.

The Connecticut Manufacturing Job Match Initiative was launched last November as an effort by Congressman Larson in conjunction with the **Connecticut Department of Labor**, **the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT)**, **Capital Workforce Partners** and the

Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education

to match unemployed manufacturing professionals with local businesses who are hiring.

"Companies like AMCO are the reason why the Connecticut Manufacturing Job Match was launched late last year," Congressman Larson said. "At a time when aerospace manufacturers are in need of hiring trained manufacturing professionals to gear up for the recently-awarded F-35 and Tanker contracts, it is our hope that the job match will not only connect companies with existing unemployed professionals, but create a pipeline of trained professionals for future hiring. I want to thank Rich and Aldo Zovich for hosting me today and sharing some of the challenges they face."

Since the first job match event in early January, 16 individuals have already been hired by 10 local manufacturers, while dozens of others have been identified as ready to be placed or in need of additional training.

Interested job-seekers and businesses can learn more about how to participate in upcoming matches by contacting Congressman Larson's office at **(860) 278-8888**.

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